PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners
November 21, 2011
1101 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, NC 27605

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jose R. Rodriguez, CPA, President; Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA, Vice President; Maria M. Lynch, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer; Barton W. Baldwin, CPA; Bucky Glover, CPA; and Jordan C. Harris, Jr.

STAFF ATTENDING: Robert N. Brooks, Executive Director; J. Michael Barham, CPA, Deputy Director; Frank Trainor, Esq., Staff Attorney; Lisa R. Hearne, Manager-Communications; Ann J. Hinkle, Manager-Professional Standards; Buck Winslow, Manager-Licensing; and Noel L. Allen, Legal Counsel.

GUESTS: James T. Ahler, CEO, NCACPA; Connie Laster, CPA, NCACPA; Tom Horne, CPA, NCACPA; Suzanne Jolicoeur, AICPA; and Curt Lee, Legislative Liaison, NCSA.

CALL TO ORDER: President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 20, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY ITEMS: The October 2011 financial statements were accepted as submitted.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITEMS: Messrs. Glover and Cook moved to approve a response to the Financial Accounting Foundation's Request for Comment on the "Plan to Establish a Private Company Standards Improvement Council." Motion passed.

Messrs. Cook and Glover moved to approve the response to the AICPA Professional Ethics Division Exposure Draft on *Proposed New and Revised Interpretations and Proposed Deletions of Ethics Rulings*. Motion passed.

Board members and the Executive Staff commented on their attendance at the NASBA Annual Meeting held October 23-26, 2011, in Nashville, TN.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Mr. Baldwin moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

<u>Case No. C2010169-1 and Case No. C201069-2 – Traci Jo Anderson</u> – Approve a Notice of Hearing for February 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Case No. C2011078 - Robert L. Blyth, Jr. - Approved the signed Consent Order (Appendix I).

<u>Case No. C2011082 - Cheryl D. Poss</u> - Approve the signed Consent Order (Appendix II).

<u>Case No. C2011127 - James Neal King - Approve the signed Consent Order</u> (Appendix III).

<u>Case No. 200504-033</u> – Close the case without prejudice. Mr. Glover did not participate in the discussion of this matter nor did he vote on this matter.

Case No. C2011214 - Close the case without prejudice.

Case No. C2011231 - Close the case without prejudice.

Case No. C2011229 - Close the case without prejudice.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Ms. Lynch moved and the Board approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

Transfer of Grades Applications - The following were approved:

Jonathan Thomas Clardy Tricia Miriam Corcoran Jerome Anderson Jackson

Original Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Sonya Maria Allen Elizabeth Ann Baker William Jordan Baucom Nicholas James Bayer Paul Edward Benedict Michelle Nicole Beracha Ashley Meredith Bolick Bevan Bruce Buchanan Kathryn Marie Bustell Marcus Wendell Canady Karen Ruth Cardillo Jacob Lee Case Jonathan Thomas Clardy Tricia Miriam Corcoran Casey Alan Cox Jessica Megan Davis Travis Lee Dickenson **James Ford Eubanks** Eric Robert Glenn Jason Timothy Gray Rebecca Leigh Griffin James Nathanial Handy

McGregor Wood Holmes Jerome Anderson Jackson Nathaniel Wade Iordan Michael Emile Leclerc Jamelia Renee Livingston Steven Gregory Mallard Ioel Kearns Mullen Jerry Dwayne Murphy Steven Craig Nellis William Hubert Ogburn III John Nathan Pearce Sarah Whitney Proctor Stacee Lutz Rash **Jason Lee Reinfried** Daniel Shelton Roebuck Alison Marie Savignano Cynthia Marie Smith Shermeca Teria Stanton Jon Alden Thompson Dee Marie Trivette Amanda Madigan Vaughan Robert Alex Vaughan

Collin Michael Walsh Justin Kelly White

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Reciprocal Certificate Applications - The following were approved:

Michele Lee Adams
Becky Jo Bennett
Tray Albert Buggs
Robert Allen Carroll II
Mary Copulos Christy
Erin Elizabeth Ciechowski
Vincent J. DeVivo
Dennis Andrew Disbrow
Alexandra Duhon
Oscar Duran Jr.
Fred Erskine Duyck
Anthony Wayne Enlow
Rebecca Gilmore Fay
Clayton Grady Fogg Jr.

Sarah Mary Gillis John Joseph Guess Kenneth Antione Jones Hancock Michelle Lynn Hottenstein Felicia Amanda Jones Thomas Olof Karlsson

Ann Marie Gerlitz

Amanda Lynn Kelley Eunika Denise Smalls Lake Milos Daniel Maldonado Cheryl Anne Marsh Cary Westbrook McCormick Andrew James Mezwicki David Michael Morris Christine Moses Carrie Garmon Mussato Regina Marie Palombo Delbert Wayne Rush Elizabeth Alyce Schmid Adam Gerard Schmitt Lyria Vanderboom Sims Nkima Shani Skeete Brandon Keith Smith

Diana Jeannette Thomas

Mary Alice Czmyr Trussell

Nancy Usher Williams

Frederick Charles Truelove III

Temporary Permits - The following temporary permits were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Vincent J. DeVivo T6554 Mary Copulos Christy T6555 Becky Jo Bennett T6556 Ann Marie Gerlitz T6557 Robert Allen Carroll T6558 Sam McManus T6559 Matthew James Kosmicki T6560 Peter David Balbirnie T6561 Erika Anne Johnson T6562

Reinstatements - The following were approved:

Eugene Joseph Carr #12383 Ella Nancy Lamar Gibson #13136 Valerie Krasinski #27147 Arthur Beamguard McCarter #11668 Gregory Dean Robbins #23688 Dawn Renee Schambach #18446 Christopher Cannon Scholten #33696 **Reissuance of New Certificate** - Applications for reissuance of new certificate submitted by the following were approved.

Mary-Beth Army #19718 Martha Morrison Hartley #18863 Henry Anderson Holland #9297

Reissuance of New Certificate and Consent Agreement - An application for reissuance of new certificate and consent agreement submitted by Nathaniel Perkinson Hayes (#19620) was approved.

Firm Registrations - The following professional corporations, professional limited liability companies, and limited liability partnerships were approved by the Executive Director and ratified by the Board:

Furr & Newell, LLP Will Hopper CPA PC Joel I. Levy, CPA, PLLC Pappalardo & Turchetti, CPAs, PLLC Matthew J Rice CPA PC Schiffli CPA, PLLC Smith & Smith, CPA, P.C. R. R. Thomas, CPA, P.A. Danny B. West, PLLC

Retired Status Applications - The Committee approved the following requests for retired status because the individuals are completely retired and do not receive any earned compensation for current personal services in any job whatsoever:

Jake Harvey Grubbs #11648 Lorie Charles Lackey #3997 Michael D. Woods #19292

Examinations - The Committee reviewed and approved the following staff approved applicants to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination:

Stephen Adams
Sahirah Al-Uqdah
Kristin Aldrich
Jacob Allen
Kathryn Allen
David Almonte
Solomon Ambaye
Nicholas Amicucci
Mitchell Anderson
Alicia Angell
Chad Antley

Christopher Arena Hayley Arning Lindsay Bachner Maureen Bair Elena Baker Nicole Balduf Julie Barnes Irina Basarabeanu Stacey Baysden

Gregory Bittner Anthonio Black

Owen Blanton Paul Blaylock Jason Blue Alina Bohn Anne Bosman Andrew Bowman Jason Bowman Michele Brewer Ebonyee Brincefield Jessica Broadaway Stephanie Brooks Joshua Brown Bryan Buckingham Judith Bukenya Brittany Bumphus Dara Burke Thomas Burns, Jr Carol Burton Faith Bynum Kimberly Byrd

Julie Byrum
Carlton Cammon
Laura Canady
Joshua Capps
Megan Cappy
Alan Cardoso
Robert Carpenter
Andrew Carr
Katrina Carrington

Kelley Carter Abraham Chen Ray Chen

Galina Chichlova Alison Chilton Sarah Christopher

Tres Cobb Kaitlyn Coen Zannoth Coffee

Susan Collins-Roberts

Hillary Colvin Kenneth Cooper Andrea Corn Brittany Cornelius Steven Corneliussen
Michael Coward
Kenneth Crampton
Brett Cranmer
Brandon Crawford
Kevin Cresimore
Ashley Crim
Carol Daignault
Reuben Dalton
Brendan Davern
Andrew Davis
Emily Dellinger
Molly Demarest
Ashley Demming
Glenda Diaz Gonzalez

Ghassan Dib
Elizabeth Dinndorf
Robert Dobbins
Matthew Dodson
Sara Domby
Michael Dooling

Michael Dooling
Brittany Drees
Suzanne Dunlow
Ryan Dupree
Rafael Duque
Jennifer Durrett
Mollie Eckert
Ilene Eisenrod
Holly Embt
David Emery
Heather Emery
H'Rin Enger
Carl Epley

Enajevwe Eruotor Andrew Essic Erin Farney Olena Fedchenko

Rachel Filip Keaton Fonvielle Jeffery Frick Ashley Fry Ashley Gabriel Amber Gaffney Vincent Gambella Latonya Garrison

Anna Gates

Nancy Gibson Peyton Gimbert

Staci Ginsburg

Kevin Greats

Rachel Greene

Charles Gullette

Susan Hagan

Matthew Hale

Brandon Hall

Noor Hannaney

Lisa Hardee

Diana Hardy

Ashley Hare

Laura Hartley

Heather Hayes

Julianne Heal

Margaret Helton

Mara Henderson

Christopher Henson

David Herrick

Lisa Hetzler

Denise Higgs

Meagan Hobbs

Michelle Hodges
Andrew Hoffman

Tameka Holmes

Jennifer Horne

Yuliang Hou

Claire Hudson

Jon Hudson

Mark Hunike

Davis Hunt

Brandon Ingram

Myron Jacobs

Kimoi James

Brittni Jenkins

Michael Johansen

Jessica Johansson

Clarence Johnsey, Jr

Alicia-Michelle Johnson

Matthew Johnson

Ronnie Johnson

Sonja Johnson

Stephen Johnson

John Jones

Ryan Jones

Gregory Journigan

Eric Kagen

Keith Kahn

Kellie Kanipe

David Kaylor

Samuel Kimball

Blair Kines

Perry King

Ashley Koewing

Erin Koewing

Amy Kolster

Craig Kornegay

Michael Kornegay

Georgiana Koutroulakis

Gonca Kurt

Bryan Lackey

Marie LaMonica

Mandy Larson

Joseph Laskey

Pamela Lauchengco

Adam Lazovik

Bao-Tran Le

Esther Lee

Mary Lee

Ben Lehman

James Leo

Sarah Leonard

Alexandra Lewis

Randall Little

Lei Liu

Kiri Longa

Kendal Lowman

Michael Lucisano

Michael Lupo

Stewart Lynam

Benjamin Lyon

Kate MacLeod

Amber Maddox Stephen Malarz Hassaan Malik Robby Manning Wanda Manning Elizabeth Marty Stephen Mason John Masters Peter Mataragas Susanne Matthews Donna Maultsby Timothy Mausolf Katie Mazzeo Michael McCord Inge McCrory Sean McGrath Brad McKeiver Elliott McKenzie Kellie McKinnon Jeffrey McLaurin Aaron McMillan Kathleen McMillan Sarah McMillan Ricardo Mendonsa Scott Millikan Dale Millns **Iennifer Milton Brooke Molineux** Randolph Morris, Jr Megan Morrissey Matthew Mullen Carly Murph Aastha Naik Robin Narron Amy Neilson Christopher Nelson Ryan Nicollerat Kristin Norris Phillip Norriss Laura Oden Andrea Pack George Pappas

Lauren Parker

Stephen Parker Ashley Payne John Payne Dawn Penland Jennifer Phelps Jennifer Phillips Lisa Phillips Anthony Pinzari Akilah Pitt Kathryn Pletcher John Pollard Theresa Poole Carlton Price Katelan Price Devon Privette Ellen Quinby Kristie Race Charles Rasmussen Roland Reed Joseph Reid Virginia Reynolds Kristine Rigsbee Kevin Roach Christina Roane **Amber Roberts** David Robertson Meridith Rosborough James Ross Mindy Sammons Raenada Sanders Megan Scholla Courtney Scruggs Brett Senchyshyn-Maciukiewicz Walter Shoczolek Catherine Shomo Richard Siler Kimberley Simmons Sarah Simpson Misti Skinner Stephanie Snyder Matthew Spain **Jennifer Staton** Megan Sudnik

Edward Summersill Christopher Swanson

Amy Szalaj
Nathan Tate
Willie Tate
Teryl Teasdell
Chrissey Thomas
Matthew Thompson

Sarah Tollison Clinton Townsend

Hien Tran Susan Triana Caleb Truitt

Graham Van Roekel Kyle VanderSlik

Krystle Vandeventer

Nicki Vaughn Ross Visscher Chaojun Wang Ashley Warren Christopher Watts Amanda Webb Zeno Weidenthaler

Angi West

Maggie Whitman Clayton Williams Lora Williams Ryan Wingerd Gary Wize

Kurt Wohlgemuth
Jacob Woodfin
Bryan Wright
Mei Xiang
Anan Xu
Heping Yao

Staff recommended that the committee determine and accept the grades received for the July - August 2011 exams. Twenty-five (25) files with grade reports were haphazardly selected and reviewed by Board members. The Committee determined and accepted the grades.

Letters of Warning - Staff received and recommended approval of the request to rescind the letters of warning awarded to the individuals listed below. The Committee approved staff recommendation:

John N. Aultman #21170 Wayne Martin #30808 Sandra Steele Morton #27153

PUBLIC HEARING: President Rodriguez called the Public Hearing to order to hear Case No. C2011015 - Randall C. Newton, CPA. Mr. Newton was present at the Hearing and was not represented by counsel at the Hearing. Mr. Newton was sworn and presented testimony. Messrs. Baldwin and Glover moved to enter Closed Session without Executive Staff, Staff Attorney, or Legal Counsel present, but with Valerie Bateman, Esq., present. The Board reentered the Hearing and Messrs. Glover and Harris moved to approve a Consent Order (Appendix IV) with Mr. Newton. Motion passed with six (6) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes. The entire Public Hearing is a matter of public record.

PUBLIC HEARING: President Rodriguez called the Public Hearing to order to hear Case No. C20085948 - Stephen N. Greenberg, CPA. Mr. Greenberg was present at the Hearing and was represented by counsel at the Hearing. Mr. Greenberg was sworn and presented

testimony. Messrs. Glover and Cook moved to enter Closed Session without Executive Staff, Staff Attorney, or Legal Counsel present, but with Valerie Bateman, Esq., present. The Board re-entered the Hearing and Mr. Cook and Ms. Lynch moved to approved a Board Order (Appendix V) permanently revoking the North Carolina CPA certificate issued to Mr. Greenberg. Motion passed with four (4) affirmative and two (2) negative votes. The entire Public Hearing is a matter of public record.

EXECUTIVE STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: The Board approved the change in the October 2012 meeting date from October 29, 2012, to October 18, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT: Messrs. Rodriguez and Harris moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert N. Brooks

Executive Director

Attested to by:

Jose R. Rodriguez, CP

President

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2011078

IN THE MATTER OF: Robert L. Blyth, Jr. # 22245 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (N.C. Gen. Stat.) § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 22245 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Respondent informed the Board on his 2010-2011 individual certificate renewal (renewal) that he had obtained forty (40) hours of continuing professional education (CPE), had completed an annual Board-approved North Carolina ethics CPE course, and had completed at least eight (8) hours of non-self-study CPE to meet the 2009 CPE requirement.
- 3. Based on Respondent's representation, the Board accepted his renewal.
- 4. Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2009 CPE requirement.
- 5. Respondent provided the CPE certificates of completion to the Board as requested. However, Respondent failed to provide a certificate of completion needed to document the Board-approved North Carolina ethics CPE course that Respondent claimed he earned between January 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, as was reported on his renewal.
- 6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

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Consent Order - 2 Robert L. Blyth, Jr.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 93-12(8b)a, 93-12(9), 93-12(9)c, and 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 08J .0101(b), 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), .0202(b)(4), and .0203(b)(1).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further contested case proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following:

- 1. Respondent's application for renewal is deemed insufficient and untimely under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150-B-3(a). Hence, his certificate is automatically forfeited pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(8b).
- 2. Respondent must return his certificate to the Board with this signed Consent Order.
- 3. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves the Consent Order if Respondent's certificate and the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order have been received by the Board.
- 4. Respondent may apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
 - a. Application form,
 - b. Payment of the application fee,
 - c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
 - d. Forty (40) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including the eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.
- 5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) civil penalty to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting any reissuance application.
- 6. Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his license.

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BY: President

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2011082

IN THE MATTER OF: Cheryl D. Poss # 24211 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (N.C. Gen. Stat.) § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 24211 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Respondent informed the Board on her 2010-2011 individual certificate renewal (renewal) that she had obtained forty (40) hours of continuing professional education (CPE), had completed an annual Board-approved North Carolina ethics CPE course, and had completed at least eight (8) hours of non-self-study CPE to meet the 2009 CPE requirement.
- 3. Based on Respondent's representation, the Board accepted her renewal.
- 4. Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet her 2009 CPE requirement.
- 5. Respondent provided the CPE certificates of completion to the Board as requested. However, Respondent failed to provide the certificates of completion needed to document twenty (20) of those hours or a Board-approved North Carolina ethics course.
- 6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

Consent Order - 2 Cheryl D. Poss

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 93-12(8b)a, 93-12(9), 93-12(9)c, and 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 08J .0101(b), 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), .0202(b)(4), and .0203(b)(1).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further contested case proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following:

- 1. Respondent's application for renewal is deemed insufficient and untimely under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150-B-3(a). Hence, her certificate is automatically forfeited pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(8b).
- 2. Respondent must return her certificate to the Board with this signed Consent Order.
- 3. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of her certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves the Consent Order if Respondent's certificate and the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order have been received by the Board.
- 4. Respondent may apply to return her certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
 - a. Application form,
 - b. Payment of the application fee,
 - c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
 - d. Sixty (60) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including the eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.
- 5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) civil penalty to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting any reissuance application.
- 6. Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of her license.

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CONSENTED TO THIS THE 3 DAY OF October, 2011.

Cherry D. Por #24211
Respondent

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

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BY: President



NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2011127

IN THE MATTER OF: James Neal King # 21007 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE, coming before the Board at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (N.C. Gen. Stat.) § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

- 1. Respondent is the holder of North Carolina certificate number 21007 as a Certified Public Accountant.
- 2. Respondent informed the Board on his 2010-2011 individual certificate renewal (renewal) that he had obtained forty (40) hours of continuing professional education (CPE), had completed an annual Board-approved North Carolina ethics CPE course, and had completed at least eight (8) hours of non-self-study CPE to meet the 2009 CPE requirement.
- 3. Based on Respondent's representation, the Board accepted his renewal.
- 4. Board staff requested that Respondent provide certificates of completion for the CPE reported to meet his 2009 CPE requirement.
- 5. Respondent provided the CPE certificates of completion to the Board as requested. However, Respondent failed to provide the certificates of completion needed to document thirty-six (36) hours of CPE that Respondent claimed he earned between January 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, as was reported on his renewal
- 6. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

BASED upon the foregoing, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 08 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC), including the Rules of Professional Ethics and Conduct promulgated and adopted therein by the Board.
- 2. Respondent's actions as set out above constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 93-12(8b)a, 93-12(9), 93-12(9)c, and 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 08J .0101(b), 08N .0202(a), .0202(b)(3), .0202(b)(4), and .0203(b)(1).

BASED on the foregoing and in lieu of further contested case proceedings, the Board and Respondent agree to the following:

- 1. Respondent's application for renewal is deemed insufficient and untimely under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150-B-3(a). Hence, his certificate is automatically forfeited pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(8b).
- 2. Respondent must return his certificate to the Board with this signed Consent Order.
- 3. Respondent may apply for the reissuance of his certificate after one (1) year from the date the Board approves the Consent Order if Respondent's certificate and the civil penalty required in number five (5) of this Order have been received by the Board.
- 4. Respondent may apply to return his certificate to active status by submission and approval of a reissuance application which includes:
 - a. Application form,
 - b. Payment of the application fee,
 - c. Three (3) moral character affidavits, and
 - d. Seventy-six (76) hours of CPE in the twelve (12) months preceding the application including the eight (8) hour accountancy law course as offered by the North Carolina Association of CPAs.
- 5. Respondent shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) civil penalty to be remitted to the Board prior to submitting any reissuance application.
- 6. Respondent agrees that failure to timely comply with any terms of this agreement and Consent Order shall be deemed sufficient grounds for revocation of his license.

Consent Order - 2 James Neal King

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 17 DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

Respondent

APPROVED BY THE BOARD THIS THE 21 DAY OF NOWEWSER

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

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BY: President



NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #: C2011015

IN THE MATTER OF: Randall C. Newton, #25925 Respondent

CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, with a quorum present. Pursuant to Statute N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-41, the Board and Respondent stipulate to the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Randall C. Newton (hereinafter "Respondent") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
- 2. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this action.
- Respondent received at least fifteen (15) days written Notice of Hearing of this matter by personal service, certified mail, or other approved personal delivery.
- 4. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 5. Respondent did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.
- 6. Respondent was present at a Hearing held by the Board on November 21, 2011 and was not represented by counsel.
- 7. Respondent received referral fees from a third party based upon five (5) of the Respondent's referrals.



- 8. Respondent informed all five (5) clients that he would receive a referral fee from their transaction with the Third Party. Respondent failed to provide written disclosure to three (3) of the five (5) clients within the required 10-day time frame. Respondent did, however, verbally inform all of them within ten (10) days. Written disclosures were finally given to those three (3) clients on June 15, 2011.
- 9. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that the Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board ex parte, whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order is subject to review and approval by the Board and is not effective until approved by the Board at a duly constituted Board Meeting.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9), the Board has the authority to impose discipline upon the Respondent and Respondent's certificate and to impose civil monetary penalties.
- 2. Respondent's failure to comply with 21 NCAC 08N .0303(e) by failing to provide a timely written disclosure to three of his clients that he had received a referral free from a third party constituted a violation of the Board's rules.

BASED on the foregoing, the Board and Respondent agree to the following Order:

1. Respondent's failure to disclose the fact that he would receive a referral fee within ten (10) days was a violation of 21 NCAC 08N .0303(e) but the violations were mitigated by his informing all of the clients verbally within ten (10) days of receiving a referral fee and ultimately informing all of them in writing, albeit in an untimely manner.



- Respondent agrees to accept a letter of caution for his failure to comply strictly with 21 NCAC 08N .0303(e).
- Respondent is not disciplined. 3.

CONSENTED TO THIS THE 22 nd DAY OF November, 2011.

Respondent

This the 19 day of DECEMBER 2011.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

President



NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS CASE #s: C20085948-1 and C20085948-2

IN THE MATTER OF: Stephen N. Greenberg, #4103 Stephen N. Greenberg, CPA, P.A. Respondents

BOARD ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming before the North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (the "Board") at its offices at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina, at public hearing, with a quorum present, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented at the hearing on November 21, 2011, that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent Stephen N. Greenberg (hereinafter "Respondent Greenberg") is the holder of a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina.
- 2. Respondent Stephen N. Greenberg, CPA, P.A. (hereinafter "Respondent Firm"), is a registered certified public accounting professional corporation in North Carolina. In October of 2006, Respondent Greenberg filed documents with the Board and with the North Carolina Secretary of State's office amending the name of his professional corporation from Greenberg & Himmelberg, CPA's, PA, (hereinafter "G&H Firm") to Respondent Firm. At all times relevant, Respondent Greenberg was the majority shareholder, an officer, and director of G&H Firm and its successor firm, Respondent Firm.
- 3. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this action.
- 4. Respondents received at least fifteen (15) days written Notice of Hearing of this matter by personal service, certified mail, or other approved personal delivery.
- 5. Venue is proper and the Hearing was properly held at 1101 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 6. Respondents did not object to any Board Member's participation in the Hearing of this matter.

Board Order - 2 Stephen N. Greenberg Stephen N. Greenberg, CPA, P.A.

- 7. Respondents were present at the Hearing and were represented by counsel.
- 8. Respondents have stipulated to the facts and rules violations set forth in the Notice of Hearing, including the following:
 - a. At all times relevant, Respondent Greenberg had responsibility for handling G&H Firm's, and subsequently Respondent Firm's, payroll tax deposits, and for preparation of all quarterly federal and state payroll reports.
 - b. On or about June 3, 2008, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) filed a tax lien against G&H Firm for failure to pay 941 monies for the quarters 3/31/2006, 9/30/2006, 12/31/2006, 3/31/2007, 6/30/2007, 9/30/2007, and 12/31/2007. The tax lien for these quarters totaled \$37,398.65.
 - c. Respondent Greenberg and Respondent Firm failed to report the federal tax lien to the Board within 30 days and Respondent Greenberg failed to disclose the lien on his subsequent individual renewal.
 - d. On or about April 13, 2009, the IRS filed a tax lien against G&H for failure to pay 941 monies for the quarter ending 6/30/2008.
 This tax lien totaled \$15,944.93.
 - e. Respondent Greenberg filed both his 2007 federal and state personal income tax returns, but failed to pay taxes in the amount of \$3,444.00 on his federal return and \$2,716.00 on his state return.
 - f. Respondents' actions as set out in paragraphs 8b and 8c above constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, .0207 and .0208(b).
 - g. Respondents' actions as set out in paragraph 8d above constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, and .0207.
 - h. Respondent Greenberg's actions as set out in paragraph 8e above constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 93-12(9)e and 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, and .0207.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Per N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-42, this Board Order constitutes a Final Agency Decision of the Board.

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- 2. Respondents are subject to the provisions of Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC).
- 3. Respondents' actions as set out in Findings 8b and 8c above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, .0207, and .0208(b).
- 4. Respondents' actions as set out in Finding 8d above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, and .0207.
- 5. Respondent Greenberg's actions as set out in Finding 8e above constitute violations of 21 NCAC 08N .0201, .0203, and .0207.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, the Board orders in a vote of 4 to 2 that:

- 1. The Certified Public Accountant certificate issued to Respondent Greenberg, Stephen N. Greenberg, is hereby permanently revoked.
- 2. The firm registration for Respondent Firm, Stephen N. Greenberg, CPA, P.A., is hereby cancelled.
- 3. Respondents shall not offer or render services as a CPA or CPA firm or otherwise trade upon or use the CPA title in this state either through CPA mobility provisions or substantial equivalency practice privileges or in any other manner, nor shall Respondents claim or attempt to use any practice privileges in any other state based upon Respondent Greenberg's permanently revoked North Carolina certificate or Respondent Firm's canceled CPA firm registration.

This the 21st day of November 2011.

CHIPPED TO THE PARTY OF THE PAR

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAMINERS

BY: ______ President